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MAYOR BALLARD LEADS “CARAVAN OF CARE” CONVOY DELIVERING 12,125 POUNDS OF FOOD AND OVER \$7,500 FOR 4TH ANNUAL PACK THE PANTRIES CITYWIDE FOOD DRIVE

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today announced that 12,125 pounds of food and \$7,548.92 in monetary contributions were received in the 4th Annual Pack the Pantries “A Case for Giving” citywide food drive. Ahead of the announcement, Mayor Ballard led the “Caravan of Care” convoy that included Department of Public Works vehicles, corporate sponsors and an IMPD motorcycle brigade to the Midwest Food Bank to deliver the food donations.

“Once again, City-County employees, Central Indiana residents and our corporate partners have responded to the call to participate in our multi-faceted hunger relief efforts,” said Mayor Ballard. “The tremendous response to our food drive demonstrates that even the smallest acts of giving add up to a great contribution.”

The Caravan of Care departed from the City-County Building and traveled to Midwest Food Bank on the City’s Southwest Side. The Mayor’s Front Porch Alliance launched this year’s Pack the Pantries initiative in November in partnership with the Million Meal Marathon. “A Case for Giving” urged residents and businesses to donate a case of food. Midwest and Gleaners food banks distribute the donations to local food pantries serving Marion County.

“I am overwhelmed by the generosity displayed by each of the individual and corporate donors and sponsors of this year’s Pack the Pantries initiative,” said John Whitaker, director of operations for Midwest Food Bank Indianapolis Division. “Our sincere thanks to the Department of Public Works and their associates for taking the time to collect, process and deliver this great gift to those who are hurting and hungry in our community. Together we play an important part in bridging the gap of prosperity and poverty in Indianapolis.”

The dollars raised equal 37,745 meals, according to the Gleaners web site. The financial donations were comprised of \$6,735 from HNTB; \$513.92 from Republic Airways, which also donated food; \$100 from the IMPD credit union, and \$200 from other sources.

For more information or to donate, please visit www.indy.gov/frontporch.

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